



Autumn 2023 – Week 5

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 2nd to 6th October

- 1st Sept to 4th Oct – Season of Creation ([info](#))
- 1st to 31st October – Black History Month ([info](#))
- 1st October – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels
- 2nd October – World Habitat Day ([info](#))
- 2nd October – International Day of Non-Violence ([info](#))
- 4th October – St Francis of Assisi
- 5th October – St Faustina Kowalska
- 5th October – World Teachers' Day ([info](#))
- 5th October – National Poetry Day ([info](#))
- 6th October – St Bruno
- 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8th October – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 8th to 14th October – Prayer for Prisons Week

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["From a School Chaplain" on Facebook](#)
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Each morning an act of worship should be made. This can be led by yourself or a pupil and can be made up of prayers from this booklet, www.richardchalloner.com/chaplaincy, or both.

[Guidance on best practice for Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

[A selection of Catholic Prayers to use in Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

Prayers for Morning Worship – 4th to 8th October

Theme for the week – Our School Community

Question for Day 1:

What can I do to contribute to positivity in our school community?

Bible Quote 1:

'In the same way though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body' Romans 12:5

Prayer for Day 1:

We pray for pupils, that they may give of their best in spirit, mind and body and feel really welcome in this community.

We pray for the teaching staff, that their work may be carried out conscientiously and with the benefit of their pupils always in mind.

We pray for our support staff, that they may have strength and cheerfulness for their duties and that no carelessness or ill manners on the part of others may make their work difficult.

Amen (Author Unknown)

Question for Day 2:

How can I support and encourage my peers?

Bible Quote 2:

'Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you' Colossians 3:13

Prayer for Day 2:

Father, we hold before you now in prayer our life together in this school.

Help us to give to it our best and to receive in turn the best that it has to give.

Teach us to know the joys of discovery, the warmth of friendship, the satisfaction of attempting and achieving and the demands of truth.

Open for us week by week new windows in our world;

Increase our understanding of ourselves and others.

Let everything that we do be for the good of our school and the glory of your name.

Amen (Timothy Dudley-Smith)

Question for Day 3:

Examine the different ways that the school community benefits and helps our sense of belonging.

Bible Quote 3:

'By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I appeal to all of you, my brothers and sisters. to agree in what you say. so that there will be no divisions among you, Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose' 1 Corinthians 1:10

Prayer for Day 3:

Lord, we give thanks for the rich variety of personalities that we have here in school.

May we live and work together in harmony, respecting each other, learning to give and take, and grow in understanding and tolerance both of others and of ourselves.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Question for Day 4:

What can I do this week to make a difference to my school community?

Bible Quote 4:

'You are the people of God, he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' Colossians 3:12

Prayer for Day 4:

'Brothers and sisters, because of God's great mercy towards us, I appeal to you:

Love one another warmly as Christians should.

Be modest in your thinking. Do not think yourself more highly than you should.

Hate what is evil and hold onto what is good.

Be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard; do not be lazy.

Be patient in your troubles. Pray at all times. Be happy with those who weep.

Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud.

If someone has done you wrong, do not repay them with another wrong.

Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.'

(Adapted from Romans 12)

Question for Day 5:

Thank God for the staff and students who support you.

Bible Quote 5:

'Under his control, all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love' Ephesians 4:16

Prayer for Day 5:

God bless our school: the head teacher, the teachers, the pupils and everybody in it.

Help us to work so hard and to play

so well this year that everyone will respect and admire our school.

When we are in school, help us to be attentive and when out of school to behave in such a way that we will always be a credit to the uniform that we wear.

Help us to remember that all the time we are in school that we are preparing ourselves for the future and so help us to discipline our minds to be wise.

Hear our prayer.

Amen (William Barclay)



Bishop Richard Challoner

During his lifetime and after his death, he was considered not only as a model of every virtue but as a saint. We are asked to pray that our Blessed Lord, through the Pope, may reward him further, by raising him to the altars of the Church as a Saint.

Prayer for the Beatification of Bishop Richard Challoner

O God who made your servant Richard,
a true and faithful pastor of your little flock in England,
raise him, we beseech you, to the altars of thy Church,
that we, who have been taught by his word and example
may invoke his name in heaven,
for the return of our country to belief in the Gospel,
and to the unity of all Christians in the one Church of Jesus Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Richard Challoner
Pray for us

